

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED
CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD TRACK,
POSSIBLE RAIL/HIGHWAY GRADE-SEPARATIONS, RAIL CROSSING CLOSURES,
AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN REID AND NORTH KANNAPOLIS

TIP P-3414P

Rowan County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold its second Citizens Informational Workshop for the above-mentioned railroad project on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. at the China Grove Community Building, located at 412 S. Myrtle St. The first workshop for this project was held on July 28, 2009, at the same location.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments and/or questions will also be provided and are encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will be no formal presentation.

The scope of the double-track project was recently expanded to include the following railroad crossings: 18th Street, 22nd Street, 29th Street, East Mill Street, Ryder Street, Central Avenue, Eudy Road, Thom Street, Centerview Street, Church Street, Mount Hope Church Road, Webb Road, Peeler Road, Peach Orchard Road and the Reid Farm private crossing. These crossings will be evaluated for possible grade-separation, closure or other improvements.

The proposed improvements begin approximately one-half mile north of Peach Orchard Road (SR 2359) and extend to just south of E. 22ND Street (SR 1254) in Kannapolis. The installation of additional track and other proposed improvements or closures is to provide safer train and vehicle travel and minimize congestion on the existing rail line between Greensboro and Charlotte.

For more information, contact Marc Hamel of the NCDOT Environmental & Planning Branch, Rail Division at (919) 733-7245 x 270 or via e-mail at mhamel@ncdot.gov. Citizens may also contact Paul Koch of Stantec Consultants at (919) 865-7394 or via e-mail at Paul.Koch@stantec.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Marc Hamel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.